

Monday, October 25, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1774–1784, and S. Res. 206. **Page S13089**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 1754, entitled the “Denying Safe Havens to International and War Criminals Act of 1999”, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13089**

Measures Passed:

Death of Senator Chafee: Senate agreed to S. Res. 206, relative to the death of the Honorable John H. Chafee, of Rhode Island. **Page S13082**

African Growth and Opportunity Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 434, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa, on Tuesday, October 26, 1999, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to occur at 10 a.m. **Page S13107**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator John Chafee, of Rhode Island, in accordance with S. Res. 206, adjourned at 6:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, October 26, 1999. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S13107.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HIGH-TECH FRAUD ON SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine incidents of the high-tech fraud known as “cramming”, the inclusion of unauthorized, misleading, or deceptive charges on a consumer’s telephone bill, focusing on fraudulent Internet Web site services affecting small business, receiving testimony from Stanley J. Czerwinski, Associate Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Jodie Bernstein, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Peter L. Franchino, Elam Biggs Bed and Breakfast, Grass Valley, California; David W. Pickering, Pickering Funeral Home, Mexico, Missouri, on behalf of the First Baptist Church of Mexico; Susan Toney, Creative Car Works, Maryland Heights, Missouri; Kelly A. Cramer, Protel Advantage, Inc., and David D. Cramer, Eau Claire Police Department, both of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and Joel Bittner, North County Distributions, San Diego, California.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3136–3144; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 205–206, and H. Res. 341, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1801, to make technical corrections to various antitrust laws and to references to such laws (H. Rept. 106–411 Pt. 1);

H.R. 3028, to amend certain trademark laws to prevent the misappropriation of marks, amended (H. Rept. 106–412);

H.R. 2885, to provide uniform safeguards for the confidentiality of information acquired for exclusively statistical purposes, and to improve the efficiency and quality of Federal statistics and Federal statistical programs by permitting limited sharing of records among designated agencies for statistical purposes under strong safeguards, amended (H. Rept. 106–413); and

H. Res. 342, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1987) to allow the recovery of attorneys' fees and costs by certain employers and labor organizations who are prevailing parties in proceedings brought against them by the National Labor Relations Board or by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (H. Rept. 106–414).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Robert Dvorak of Middletown, Connecticut.

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Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Thursday, October 22 by yeas and nays vote of 349 yeas to 41 nays with one voting "present", Roll No. 533.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:47 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Exempting Certain Reports from Automatic Elimination and Sunset: H.R. 3111, amended, to exempt certain reports from automatic elimination and sunset pursuant to the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995;

Pages H10730–31

Permitting Non-Congressional Federal Employees to Enroll Their Children in the House Child Care Center: H.R. 3122, to permit the enrollment in the House of Representatives Child Care Center of children of Federal employees who are not employees of the legislative branch;

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Authorizing Pay Adjustments for Administrative Law Judges: H.R. 915, amended, to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges;

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Made in America Information Act: H.R. 754, amended, to establish a toll free number under the Federal Trade Commission to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 390 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 534). Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H10731–33, H10744

History of the House Awareness and Preservation Act: H.R. 2303, amended, to direct the Librarian of Congress to prepare the history of the House of Representatives (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 388 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 535); and

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Recognizing the Contributions of 4-H Clubs: H. Con. Res. 194, recognizing the contributions of 4-H Clubs and their members to voluntary community service (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 391 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 536).

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:39 p.m. and reconvened at 6:02 p.m.

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Condolences on the Death of the Honorable John H. Chafee: The House agreed to H. Res. 341, expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable John H. Chafee, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate on October 22 and today appear on pages H10727 and H10729.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10743–44, H10744, H10745, and H10745–46. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 341, adjourned at 9:58 as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable John H. Chafee of Rhode Island.

Committee Meetings

FAIR ACCESS TO INDEMNITY AND REIMBURSEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule, providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1987, Fair Access to Indemnity and Reimbursement Act. The rule makes in order the Committee on Education and the Workforce amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Congressional Record and pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Fletcher, Clay and Andrews.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1186)

H.J. Res.71, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000. Signed October 21, 1999. (P.L. 106-75)

S. 323, to redesignate the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument as a national park and establish the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area. Signed October 21, 1999. (P.L. 106-76)

H.R. 560, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at the intersection of Comercio and San Justo Streets, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Jose V. Toledo Federal Building and United States Courthouse". Signed October 22, 1999. (P.L. 106-77)

H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Signed October 22, 1999. (P.L. 106-78)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on issues deal-

ing with the Puducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the status of United States military forces, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on the Real Property Management Program and the maintenance of the historic homes and senior offices' quarters, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings on the interpretation and implementation plans of subsistence management regulations for public lands in Alaska, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on the use of seclusion and restraints in mental hospitals; to be followed by a hearing on the nomination of William A. Halter, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine Chinese espionage at United States nuclear facilities and the transfer of United States technology to China, 2 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Ann Claire Williams, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit; Faith S. Hochberg, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey; Frank H. McCarthy, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma; and Virginia A. Phillips, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, 3 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on the readiness impact of operations in Kosovo: problems encountered, lessons learned, and reconstitution, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on Russian threat perceptions and plans for sabotage against the United States, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the state of security at the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory (New Mexico) and Sandia National Laboratory (New Mexico), 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, oversight hearing on Federal Communications Commission Reform for the New Millennium, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to mark up the following: Presidential Transition Act Amendment of 1999; and H.R. 2376, to require executive agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a State under a grant program administered by the agency if another State has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under such program, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up H.R. 1838, Taiwan Security Enhancement Act, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on U.S. Trade Policies and Agricultural Disease: Safety, Economic, and Global Considerations, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on Bankruptcy Judgeship Needs; followed by a hearing and mark-up of H.J. Res. 72, granting the consent of the Congress to the Red River Boundary Compact, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 2442, Wartime Violation of Italian American Civil Liberties Act, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to continue oversight hearings on the Federal Aid Programs administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Part III), 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1509, to authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; and H.R. 2532, National Heritage Areas Policy Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on Education Research: Is What We Don't Know Hurting Our Children? 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform, joint hearing on Y2K and Nuclear Power: Will Reactors React Responsibly?, 10:15 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on Persian Gulf War veterans issues, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 434, African Growth and Opportunity Act, with a vote on the motion to close further debate thereon, to occur at 10 a.m. Also, Senate will consider any appropriations conference reports when available.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Tuesday, October 26

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of 14 suspensions:

(1) H.R. 3061, Amending the Immigration and Nationality Act to Extend for an Additional 2 Years the Period for Admission of an Alien as a Nonimmigrant;

(2) H. Con. Res. 190, Urging the United States to Seek a Global Consensus Supporting a Moratorium on Tariffs and on Special, Multiple and Discriminatory Taxation of Electronic Commerce;

(3) H. Con. Res. 197, Expressing the Sense of Congress that There Should Be No Increase in Federal Taxes in Order to Fund Additional Government Spending;

(4) H.R. 970, Perkins County Rural Water System Act of 1999;

(5) H.R. 1528, National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 1999;

(6) H.R. 2970, Rongelap Resettlement Act of 1999;

(7) H.R. 2496, Reauthorizing the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994;

(8) H.R. 1753, Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act;

(9) H. Con. Res. 20, Concerning Economic, Humanitarian and Other Assistance to the Northern Part of Somalia;

(10) H. Con. Res. 46, Urging an End of the War Between Eritrea and Ethiopia and Calling on the United Nations Human Rights Commission and Other Human Rights Organizations to Investigate Human Rights Abuses in Connection with the Eritrean and Ethiopian Conflict;

(11) H. Con. Res. 188, Commending Greece and Turkey for Their Mutual and Swift Response to the Recent Earthquakes in Both Countries by Providing to Each Other Humanitarian Assistance and Rescue Relief;

(12) H.R. 1175, Locating and Securing the Return of Zachary Baumel, an American Citizen, and Other Israeli Soldiers Missing in Action;

(13) H. Con. Res. 102, Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and Recognizing the Humanitarian Safeguards These Treaties Provide in Times of Armed Conflict; and

(14) H.R. 2885, Statistical Efficiency Act.

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